

# GOD IS OUR SAVIOR

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## CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:

MAX  
CARI  
ANGELS (2-3)

## CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:

GAMBLER #1  
GAMBLER #2  
GAMBLER #3  
MELVIS

## PROPS:

BATHROBE  
JACKET WITH CAR KEYS AND WALLET  
BEDROOM  
GREY PUPPET STAGE  
BLINKING LIGHTS  
SIGN: Welcome to the city of "Lost Wages"  
PLAYING CARDS & DRINKING MUGS (for puppets)  
PLACARDS: sin, death, evil, pain, suffering, selfishness, greed...  
BOULDER ROCKS (2) TO SIT ON  
6'-8' CROSS  
BLACK CLOTH, WHITE CLOTH  
SHEER CURTAIN MATERIAL  
CLOUD-LIKE BATTING  
SILVER STARS  
BRIGHT LIGHT  
ANGEL COSTUMES  
ELVIS COSTUME FOR PUPPET  
SIX PAPER AIRPLANES

## SOUND EFFECTS:

DREAM SEQUENCE SOUND  
PIANO SALOON MUSIC  
FALLING SOUND WITH SPLAT  
SNIPPET - "AIN'T NOTHIN BUT A HOUND DOG"  
SNIPPET - "WORTHY IS THE LAMB"  
SPOTLIGHT ON HEAVEN

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG- TURN ON THE LIGHT

WORSHIP LEADER - Opening Prayer & Introduction

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, PORTABLE & HOUSE  
UP ON STAGE RIGHT

*Cari in bathrobe is arguing with big brother Max who has car keys and is dressed in jacket ready to go out. He looks through his wallet, then his pants pockets to make sure he has some money*

CARI: MAX, YOU HEARD WHAT MOM SAID. STAY IN AND GO TO BED EARLY. YOU'VE GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW.

MAX: HEY, WHAT ARE YOU?...THE SCHOOL POLICE? LET ME TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. BESIDES, I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MOM COMES HOME FROM WORK.

CARI: WHAT ABOUT THE LORD, MAX? WHAT ABOUT FOLLOWING HIM? YOU SAID YOU'D LOOK INTO IT. YOU SAID YOU'D THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.

MAX: MY FUTURE?

CARI: YEAH, WHAT ABOUT ETERNITY? WHAT ABOUT HEAVEN?

MAX: THERE YOU GO AGAIN. YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS. I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO NOW...I'LL WORRY ABOUT HEAVEN LATER. *(walks down stage right stairs)* I'M OUTTA HERE.

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CARI: *(yells after him)* MAX!

CARI: *(Cari walks to bed and lays down to pray...and falls asleep)* OH, LORD, PLEASE HELP!

LIGHT CUE - DIM ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - HEAVEN'S NOT SO FAR AWAY (IT COULD BE TODAY)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS

*Groggy, Cari wakes up surprised to hear dream sequence sound*

CUE SOUND EFFECT - DREAM SEQUENCE SOUND

CARI: *(as she gets up, says to audience)* I MUST BE DREAMING BECAUSE THAT'S THE SOUND THEY ALWAYS MAKE WHEN SOMEBODY'S HAVING A DREAM...

LIGHT CUE - DIM LIGHTS STAGE RIGHT, UP CENTER  
BLUE SPOT ON STAGE LEFT

CUE MUSIC SNIPPET - SCOT JOPLIN SALOON MUSIC (under gambler talk).

*Saloon piano music is playing. Puppets are playing poker. Cari walks over and looks at sin city with disgust.*

CARI: *(whispers to audience)* LOOK, THERE'S MAX...WHAT'S HE DOING IN MY DREAM? *(Goes over sits on rock and looks longingly at heaven.)* LOOK, THERE'S HEAVEN!

GAMBER #1: *(in a party attitude to piano man)*.....PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM!

GAMBLERS #1, 2, & 3 : HEY, ANTI-UP, COME ON NOW...ARE WE PLAYIN' CARDS OR NOT?

MAX: *(He is over playing cards with puppet gamblers.)* OK, I'M ALL OUT OF MONEY, BUT I FEEL LUCKY TONIGHT SO, I TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO..*(wips out cards from pocket)* THESE ARE GENUINE GOLD PLATED BASEBALL CARDS....*(walks towards the audience and dramatically flashes the cards before theirs eyes)*

GAMBLER #1: NO WAY, YOU'RE LYIN'. THAT'S NOT GOLD. IT'S CARDBOARD. RIGHT, KIDS?

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KIDS: RIGHT.

GAMBLERS #2 & 3: *(say in unison)* LIAR, LIAR, MAX IS A LIAR! GET OUT OF TOWN!

MAX: *(acting a little too innocent)* I WOULD NEVER LIE, WOULD I LIE, CARI.???...CARI? *(Cari wipes away tears, Max is irritated that she is crying)* OH, BROTHER, ARE YOU CRYIN' AGAIN..*(puts hands up in air in disgust, walks over to Cari. Points to heaven with disgust)* YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS!

CARI: *(stands up and walks toward audience. Makes big announcement)* **SOMEDAY,**

CUE MUSIC - STOP SNIPPET SALOON MUSIC
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*Gamblers all stop what they are doing and turn and look at Cari and freeze, like "when E.F. Hutton Speaks...People listen"*

CARI: I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS PLACE BEHIND *(points to sin city)* AND I'M GOING TO LIVE IN HEAVEN *(points to heaven)* FOREVER.

GAMBLERS: *(with disbelief and disinterest)* YEAH, RIGHT! *(all go back to their game)*

GAMBLER #2 & 3: *(to #1)* BE QUIET, PUFF BRAIN AND LET THE GIRL TALK. THIS COULD BE EDUCATIONAL....MAYBE? *(a little embarrassed to be interested)*

ALL GAMBLERS & MAX : GROAN.....!!!

CARI: HOW CAN YOU BE HAPPY LIVING IN *(points to sign in disgust)* THE CITY OF LOST WAGES?

MAX: *(walks over to sister and nudges her with his elbow)* YEAH, HOW CAN WE BE HAPPY PARTYING ALL THE TIME AND PLAYING CARDS, EATING AND DRINKING....DOIN' WHATEVER WE WANT TO DO....*(has fake sad face)*

LIGHT CUE - SPOTLIGHT ON HEAVEN
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CARI: *(Points at heaven)* THE PASTOR SAID THERE IS NO NIGHT IN HEAVEN, JUST ONE GLORIOUS LIGHT THAT COMES FROM .....

MAX: KIDS, WE'VE GOT BRIGHT LIGHTS HERE..*(points at Lost Wages lights)*

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GAMBLER #2 : YEAH, BUT WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE TOO BRIGHT, WE LOVE IT TO BE JUST A LITTLE BIT DARK. RIGHT BOYS?

CARI: THERE IS NO PAIN OR SORROW IN HEAVEN AND THE LORD JESUS WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM OUR EYES.

*During following snippet angels are praising God in heaven.*

CUE MUSIC SNIPPET OF PRAISE SONG "WORTHY IS THE LAMB".

CARI: AND THE MUSIC THERE IS SO BEAUTIFUL...SONGS THAT TELL GOD HOW HOLY AND WORTHY HE IS.

CUE MUSIC SNIPPET : FADE OUT

LIGHT CUE - SPOTLIGHT DOWN ON HEAVEN

GAMBLER #1: SPEAKING OF MUSIC, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASERS PALACE HERE IN LOVELY LOST WAGES IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE THE SINGING SENSATION: "MELVIS"

CUE MUSIC SNIPPET - "AIN'T NOTHING BUT A HOUND DOG"

MELVIS: *(After song)* "THANK YOU, THANK YOU...."

*Gamblers & Max cheer and clap. Cari turns away and looks at heaven again.*

CARI: *(to kids)* HOW AM I EVER GONNA GET OVER THERE? *(puts head in hands. Everyone freezes)*

CUE MUSIC SNIPPET - SALOON MUSIC (till told to stop next page)

GAMBLER #1: GIVE ME THREE CARDS.

GAMBLER #2: I FOLD! *(throws cards in the air and puts head down in hands)*

GAMBLER #3: CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GIRL...WHO'D WANT TO LEAVE THE CITY OF LOST WAGES. BESIDES, THERE'S NO WAY TO GET OVER THERE.

CARI: *(turns to all the gamblers, walks over to them)* THIS IS IMPORTANT!

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*(pretends to call to the piano man)* PLEASE STOP THE MUSIC.

CUE MUSIC - STOP SALOON MUSIC
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CARI: REMEMBER WHEN THE PASTOR CAME TO TOWN? HE TOLD US THAT WE COULD HAVE THE HOPE OF HEAVEN.

GAMBLERS & MAX: *(disinterested)* NO....!

MAX: WE WERE BUSY THAT DAY.

CARI: HE TOLD US ABOUT THIS BIG DEEP CHASM BETWEEN US AND GOD. *(she walks over, looks down into chasm and points.)* LOOK AT ALL THAT MUCKY DIRTY MUD DOWN THERE. OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD. DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE?...DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE IN HEAVEN WITH GOD FOREVER?... I DO!

GAMBLER #1: IF YOU WANT TO GO THERE SO BAD, WHY DON'T YOU JUST FLY OVER...*(paper airplane comes flying out of puppet stage, puppet makes plane sounds)* HA, HA, HA.

GAMBLERS #1, & 2 AND MAX: YEAH! HA, HA, HA...

GAMBLER #2: HEY, YOU WITH THE HAIRDO *(to Cari)* WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO TO HEAVEN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIVE DOWN THERE AND SWIM ACROSS. I BET THERE'S NOTHIN' OVER THERE...

GAMBLER #3: DID YOU SAY "BET"? HEY, KIDS I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM DIVE DOWN THERE? WOULDN'T YOU?

KIDS: NO

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GAMBLER #3: *(to #2)* I BET YOU FIFTY BUCKS YOU WON'T DIVE DOWN THERE.

GAMBLER #2: OH, YEAH? *(bullying each other)*

GAMBLER #1: YEAH!

*Gambler #2 dives over into chasm, leaving his drink stuck on edge of puppet stage (velcro) Cari and Max bend and watch at side of puppet stage near chasm as puppet flies over and down. They keep watching all throughout sound effect. When he crashes, puppets and Max and Cari throw their heads back to react to crash "splat".*

CUE SOUND EFFECT - LONG FALLING SOUND FOLLOWED BY SPLAT
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GAMBLER #1: *(takes mug off puppet stage)* HEY, I GOT ME A FREE DRINK! *(takes a swig)* I'M GONNA FIND ME SOME TROUBLE...WANNA COME?

GAMBLER #3 AND MAX: NAH.... *(Cari goes back to rock. Gambler #1 exits.)*

GAMBLER #3: PSSST, PSSST, HEY KID....*(Max comes over)* YOUR SISTER MAY BE RIGHT...I'M TIRED OF THIS PLACE....THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING BETTER OVER THERE....OTHERWISE...I GOT NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

MAX: LIGHTEN UP, BUDDY. *(takes out big rubber band)* I GOT AN IDEA ...WE'LL GET A GIGANTIC RUBBER BAND AND SHOOT OURSELVES TO HEAVEN...WHEN WE'RE READY TO GO OF COURSE...EARTH TO HEAVEN...BEAM ME UP....*(shoots)*

GAMBLER #3: NO... I'M NOT JOKIN ANYMORE....THIS IS FOR REAL, MAX. WE NEED TO ASK CARI HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN; IF THERE REALLY IS A WAY.

MAX: LOOK, I KNOW THE WAY...WE JUST MAKE A DEAL WITH GOD AND PROMISE TO BE GOOD...THAT'LL GET US IN...RIGHT KIDS?

KIDS: NO.

GAMBLER #3: I'M THROUGH GUESSING, MAX...I'M ASKING CARI WHAT THE PREACHER SAID..

MAX: NO...NO..SHE'LL NEVER STOP TALKING ABOUT IT. KIDS, YOU DON'T THINK HE SHOULD ASK CARI ABOUT HEAVEN DO YOU?

KIDS: YES....

GAMBLER #3: HEY CARI, COULD YOU TELL US HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN. I

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WANT TO KNOW THE WAY THERE.

CARI: I WOULD BE GLAD TO. THE WAY TO HEAVEN IS BY BELIEVING IN...(to kids) WHO?

KIDS: JESUS

CARI: JESUS IS THE BRIDGE OF LOVE THAT WILL GET US ACROSS THAT BIG CHASM.

MAX: HERE SHE GOES AGAIN. WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW. *(begins to fiddle with baseball cards or playing cards. Pretends not to listen)*

GAMBLER #3: TELL ME MORE...

CARI: MAYBE THIS SONG WILL HELP. SING IT WITH ME KIDS

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS AND ON CARI

CUE SONG - BRIDGE OF LOVE

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS

GAMBLER #3: I THINK I UNDERSTAND . . .

CARI: THE PREACHER GAVE US A PICTURE OF WHAT JESUS DID. *(goes to get the old cross)* HE LEFT THIS OLD CROSS HERE. MAX, HELP ME LAY IT DOWN. KIDS, HELP ME OUT . . . JESUS LAID DOWN HIS \_\_\_\_\_,

KIDS: LIFE

CARI: HE DIED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_

KIDS: CROSS

CARI: FOR OUR SINS SO THAT WE COULD BE FORGIVEN. WE WERE DEAD IN OUR SINS BUT NOW WE \_\_\_\_\_.

KIDS: LIVE.

GAMBLER #3: I GET IT! BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS DID, WE CAN CROSS OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE. AND WE CAN GET INTO HEAVEN. BUT . . . WILL JESUS BE THERE?

CARI: YES . . . HE DIDN'T STAY DEAD. JESUS IS ALIVE BECAUSE ON THE THIRD DAY . . . EASTER SUNDAY, HELP ME KIDS, JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ FROM

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THE DEAD.

KIDS: ROSE

GAMBLER #3: SO . . . WE'RE GONNA LIVE WITH JESUS FOREVER . . . !!!

CARI: THAT'S RIGHT, JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR. AND HE . . .

MAX: *(interrupting)* HEY, IF HEAVEN'S THAT GREAT, WHY DOES IT MAKE YOU CRY ALL THE TIME? ??

CARI: I'M NOT CRYING FOR HEAVEN, I'M CRYING FOR YOU! BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO BE THERE WITH ME MAX. I WANT YOU TO KNOW AND LOVE JESUS, TOO. I WANT YOU TO HAVE THE HOPE OF HEAVEN.

MAX: IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO DECIDE TODAY . . . I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO NOW!! I'M OUT'TA HERE. *(he walks stage right and out ice room, she follows but stops at her bedroom.)*

LIGHT CUE - UP STAGE RIGHT

CARI: MAX . . . MAX! . . .

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - HOPE OF HEAVEN

*Cari gets back into bed and wakes up during song and gets on knees by bedside during "write my name in your book of life"*

WORSHIP LEADER: WHO DO YOU THINK SHE'S PRAYING FOR?

*Cari raises her hands*

KIDS: MAX.

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WORSHIP LEADER: OH LOOK, SHE'S GIVING HER BURDEN FOR HER BROTHER TO THE LORD. KIDS, HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE A MOM OR DAD, BROTHER OR SISTER, OR GOOD FRIEND WHO DOESN'T KNOW JESUS? WE ALL HAVE PEOPLE WE LOVE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS AND WE NEED TO LOVE THEM, AND PRAY FOR THEM, AND ALSO TRUST THE LORD FOR THEIR SALVATION.

REPEAT AFTER ME:  
FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH  
BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE  
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.  
ROMANS 6:23

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG
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